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Upon the marching of the AR M I E
INTO
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Ordered by the Parliament, That it bee referred to the Council of
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Henrie Scobell Cler. Parl.

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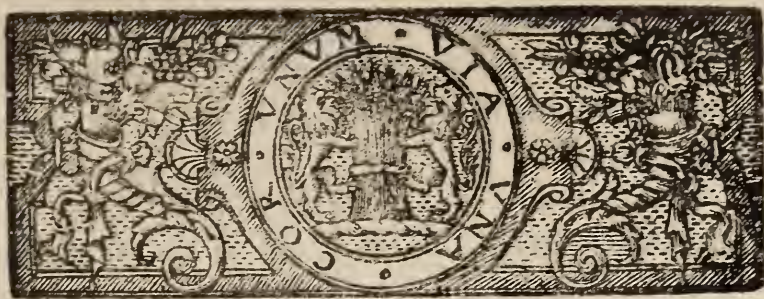
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THE *Miseries and Evils*, which are the sad and inevitable consequences of every *War*, are so great, that it ought not to bee undertaken or prosecuted, but upon grounds of *Justice and Necessitie*, especially between those with whom no Arguments are wanting for common defence, and where *profession* of the *same Religion* should bee a stronger bond of *mutual union*.

This consideration hath long held back the *Parlament* of *England* from making use of *Force*, in reference

to *Scotland*, notwithstanding the *Justice* of their *Caus*, and the *greatness* of their *provocation*, that they might avoid the effusion of blood, and those other Miseries and Calamities, which must in common involv even such of that Nation, who may have kept themselvs free from the guilt of those things, which compel this War; And whose principles may dispose them to the same Ends with us, when they shall have discovered their own true Interest.

And in the mean time the *Parlament* hath not been wanting in the Offer of all fair and amicable means for composing the difference and obtaining due satisfaction; nor suffered their just Resentment of the *slight* and *rejection* of those *Offers* to carrie them out immediately to the *last Remedy*; but have with much *patience* expected, if the good providence of God should mercifully discover any fit Expedient, whereby they might obtain their just Ends, rather then by *Arms*.

But by all the *Observations* wee can make of their *Actions*, and out of their *Declarations*, and by the best *Intelligence* of their present *motions* and *designs*, their total *aversness* to *amitie* and *friendship* with this *Commonwealth* is most apparent; and the same *hostile disposition* continue's, notwithstanding the signal hand of God against them upon their late *Invasion*.

Their *Design* is still carried on, and they have not lost their time in *preparations* to execute it, both by their *Treaties* and *Correspondencies* abroad, and by putting all things in a *posture* for it at home.

The *PARLAMENT* of *ENGLAND*, upon serious consideration hereof, and of their dutie to his *Commonwealth*, with whose good and safetie they are intrusted, have judg'd it *just* and *ne cessarie*, that an *Armie* be forth-
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with sent into *Scotland*. The *Justice*, *Necessitie*, and *Ends* whereof they *declare* in the particulars following :

Wherein, not to insist upon manie *wrongs* and *provocations* from the *Commissioners* of *Scotland*, while they were here resident, and while nothing but friendship and unanimitie in the same Cause was pretended by them, their *usurpation* upon *Acts* of the *Legislative power*, their frequent *pretensions* to, and *contestations* about a joyn-interest in som *Acts* of it;

Their *seducing* the people of this *Commonwealth* from their *affection* and dutie to the *Parlament*, and to imbrace and promote the interest of the late King (under *Pretence* of the *Covenant*) laying among the people foundations of concurrence with their future *Invasion*, sufficiently evidenced by the many *Insurrections* breaking forth in *England* in the year 1648, when they invaded this Nation:

Which concurrence of trouble might greatly have endangered the return of *Tyrannie* and *miserie* upon us, had not the *hand of God* mightily manifested it self in the *carrying on* of that Cause (which hee hath still owned) even with very great disadvantage of Numbers and preparations. Wee shall let these, and divers other particulars pass, and com to that which demonstrate's the *JUSTICE* of this present *Undertaking*; namely, The late *Invasion* of this Nation; *authorized* and *commanded* by the *Parlament* of *Scotland*.

All of them concurring in *Design* to make a *Prey* to themselves of the *English*, though som difference fell amongst them; who should have the greatest Power of Command, and thereby the greatest opportunitie of advancing the interest of either Partie, under the specious *Pretence* of the *Covenant*.

And therein may bee remembred, *first*, their taking of *Berwick*, and *Carlisle*, and putting Garrisons into them in the year 1648, contrarie to the large *Treatie* in the year 1640, passed by the *Parlaments* of both *Nations*; by which those *Towns*, or any other *Frontier-Towns* of either *Nation* were not to bee garrison'd, and accordingly were so left by the *English*.

By that *Treatie* also *three months-warning* was to have preceded War; yet this *Invasion* was made by *Autoritie* of the *Parliament* of *Scotland*, while that *Treatie* was in force; and that without any previous *Declaration* of War or hostility, as by that *Treatie* ought to have been.

This also at a time, when the *Parlament* of *England* had *Commissioners* at *Edenburgh*, offering to compose all differences between the *Nations* by a *Treatie*, which they refused; And their wicked design carried on, not onely by a conjunction with the late *Kings* professed *partie* under *Langdale*; But they seduced from their *dutie*, and drew from their *obedience* several *Forces* of their own *Nation*, and som *English*, who were in the pay of the *Parlament* of *England* to com over out of *Ireland*, and treasonably to assist them in this *Invasion*.

When it pleased our good *God* wonderfully to appear for us, in *subduing* and *punishing* our faithless *Invaders*; the *Armie*, by our *Autoritie*, and by *invitation* of the *Committee* of *Estates* of *Scotland* sitting at *Edenburgh* (*Sr Andrew Carr*, and *Major Strabern* beeing sent by them with *Letters* of *Credence*, for that purpose, to the *Head-Quarters* of our *Armie*, then near *Berwick*) did march into *Scotland*; and upon *further invitation* from the *Committee* of *Estates*, by the *Lord Marquess* of *Argile*, *Lord Elco*, and *others*, a great part of our *Armie* did march
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close to *Edenburgh*, the better to countenance and encourage their Armie, *they* beeing then in *Treatie* with the Earl *Craford*, *Lindsey*, the Lord *Lanerick*, S^r *George Monroe*, and the rest of their enemies at *Sterling Bridg*, which having produced the desired effects, and our Armie received with great *expressions* of contentment and rejoicing for the good success which God had given them;

The enemies in the North parts of *England* not beeing fully subdued, and our Armie readie to return into *England*, upon the further and earnest desire of the Committee of Estates, a considerable part of it was left in *Scotland*, until that Nation was settled in a peaceable condition; and such Forces rais'd for their defence as they thought fit. This beeing don, our Armie returned into *England*, having been Instruments, by the blessing of God, of so much good to that Nation, and settling them in the power which they now enjoin, then highly by them acknowledged, owning our Armie for their *Preservators*, as indeed, under God, they were; and professing their earnest desires and firm resolution to continue a grateful and constant amitie and friendship with *England*.

Yet now (laying aside all consideration of former kindnesses, and of their expressions and engagements of *Justice*, and of *Treaties* (the common bonds of *Humane societie*) they endeavor to exercise their power for the destruction of those, by whose means they did receive it.

They again insist upon the same *pretensions* to matters of our Government, and take upon them to determine what is *fundamental* here; and *direct* and *threaten* us, if wee change not what is now *established*, and *form* it to their *minde*, or *accommodate* it to their *interest*.

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This is sufficiently clear'd by the *Protestation* made and sent to us by their Commissioners, Earl of *Louthian*, S^r *Jo. Chiefley*, & M^r *Glendonning*, upon which Wee then gave our sens in a short Declaration, herewith printed : Yet those Commissioners were owned and justified by the Parliament of *Scotland*, and no censure passed on them, though desired by the *Parlament* of *England*, who sent them with a guard to *Berwick*, to bee delivered to such as the *Parlament* of *Scotland* should send to receive them.

But, becaus real *injuries*, and great *provocations* may, and ought sometimes to bee *passed over* without War; though the grounds of that War bee *just*, if it bee not also *necessarie*, reasons both of *Prudence* and *Christianitie* requiring and perswading it; The *Parlament* of *England* doth hereby declare the *NECESSITIE* under which they are concluded to make this *present Expedition*, which they have already *evidenced* to bee *just*.

First, all fair and amicable waies of procuring *Reparation* of those great *Dammages*, which this Nation hath sustein'd by them, and by occasion of their *Invasion*, have been *rejected* and *denied*, and that by the present *Parlament* of *Scotland*, and power now ruling there; whereby they have *owned* the *wrong*, and *damage* don to this Nation by that *Invasion*;

Which, upon due consideration will bee found to amount to vast summs, if all should bee put upon their Account, which this *Common-wealth* hath suffered by them, and their influence, both in respect of *Ireland*, the *Revolt* of part of the *Fleet* appointed for that Summer-service, when they invaded, the several *Insurrections* at home, and their *Invasion*.

Their *Design* and *Resolution* again to *invade* Us, will bee
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the more evident , if Wee remember

First, That upon occasion of demanding onely a *Treatie* for *Satisfaction* for their former *Invasion*, they do, in expresse terms, declare themselv's *Enemies* to the *Government* of this *Common-wealth*, and all that adhere thereto, and lay *foundations* of *Sedition*, and new *Insurrection* amongst our selv's.

Secondly, In pursuance of these *Grounds*, they, who cannot claim to themselv's the least color of *Autoritie* or *Dominion* over us, yet have taken upon them, in *Scotland*, to proclaim *Charls Stewart* to bee *King* of *England* and *Ireland* ; and in their *Treatie* since with him have promised him their *assistance* against this *Nation*.

Thirdly, before the late *Invasion* from *Scotland*, the *Parliament* of *England* upon *foresight* of their *disposition* to what followed, and seeing their *preparation*, and the *Partie* they had *seduced* in Order thereunto, believing what the event was like to bee, sent thither *Commissioners* to *Treat* for preventing the effusion of blood ; but the *Treatie* was refused, and *answer'd* onely with the immediate *March* of their *Armie* into *England*.

Having therefore again refused the amicable *Offer* of a *Treatie* for *Peace*, wee have reason to expect another *Invasion*.

Fourthly, They have equally declar'd against Us as *Seectaries*, as they have against those of *Montross* his *partie*, putting us into the same rank with *Malignants* and *Papists* ; although they cannot but know the *Faith* which Wee profess, who desire to *worship God* in the *Spirit*, *rejoycing* in *Jesus*, and have no *confidence* in the *flesh*, having our hope of *Justification* and *remission* of *sins* in the *blood* of *Christ*, and *salvation* by the *free grace* of *God* ; mourning, from our very *Souls*, that anie turn that *grace* into wan-

sonness, beeing readie to bear our witness against them, and desirous, that the licentious practices, of those who do so, should bee punished by the Magistrate. Wee cannot but think that an *Interest* of *Dominion* and *Profit*, under a pretence of *Presbyterie* and the *Covenant*, is by these men of more value and esteem then the *Peace* and *Love* of the *Gospel*, to which all that may bee called *Discipline*, or *Government* in the *Church*, is, and ought to bee subordinate; and for which the least violation of the *Love* and *Peace* before-mentioned ought not to bee. Their Design and purpose being thus evident, a *NECESSITIE* is upon Us to use Our best endeavors, with Gods assistance, to prevent them, and not leav them to *Inva*de Us at their *chosen opportunitie*, and *our greatest disadvantage* when they shall have compleated their *Design* with *for*rein States for their aid; and with their *Faction* and *partie* in this Nation for *Correspondencie* & *concurrence* in their attempts upon Us, & that Wee may not bee at the insupportable *charge* of keeping several Armies in our own bowels, & *subject* our selvs to the *Contributions*, *plundrings*, and barbarous usage of a *Scottish Armie*, if wee suffer them again to *enter*; or of keeping one *formed Armie* constantly upon the borders, for *preventing* or *resisting* those attempts upon Us, which they are waiting an opportunitie at their best advantage to make.

A *burthen*, from which wee ought to applie our best endeavors to free the people, who have suffered so deeply already by their means; which hath been part of their *Design*, hereby to bring the people to a *discontent* with the *Government* from the Sens of charge (without considering the *Caus* of the continuance thereof) that so they may bee fitted to receiv their impressions, and carrie on their *Faction* among us, and keep it readie for them

them to make use of, when they shall see caus.

And although the *injuries* and *provocations* have been great, and pressing above measure, which have been put upon Us, as is evident by what is before alledged; and that the wrong-doers have left Us no other waies of *Remedie*, or *Vindication*, saving what the *Sword* can produce, which, with the blessing of God, succeeding, might invite returns answerable to their designs and attempts upon Us, if Wee should tread in their steps;

Yet the Lord is our witness, that *Domination*, *Revenge*, or *worldlie Gain* are not the *Motives* of our *Ingagement* in this great Undertaking; but our *Ends* therein are, the *Advancement* of *Gods Glorie*, the *furthering* of a just *Freedom*, where God shall minister the opportunitie, the *procuring* of a fit *Satisfaction* for what is past, & the *settling* of a clear *Securitie* for the time to com, against the like injuries and mischiefs; which as wee hold it most *JUST & NECESSARIE* for us to seek after, for *prevention* of our futher *sufferings* by them, & their further *guilt*; so wee shal much rejoyce if it may be attained without blood: And that those who *fear God* in both Nations may bee led by these great *shakings*, out of all *carnal confidence* and expectations, to meet together in the *power* of true *Religion* and *Holinefs*, to serv and worship God according to his minde revealed in his word; which is our hearts desire to make the *Rule* of our *Waies* and *Actions*.

Henrie Scobell

Cleric. Parliament.

